

Your application timeline 2023/4

September – December

Speak to your adviser and begin preparing your General Course application

Once your application is complete you will usually receive a decision within seven working days

Submit your application

From 3 January

Include your statement of academic purpose, two academic references, transcript, English scores if required/obtained, and course preferences

Officially accept or decline your offer in LSE for You

Complete the Financial Undertaking Form (FUF) and Data Release Consent form

Within 30 days of receipt

The FUF tells us where to send the invoice for tuition fees. The Data Release Consent Form allows us to contact your home institution in the event of an emergency. You will need to complete this to receive your CAS number later on.

By 9 June

Once you have accepted your offer you can apply for guaranteed LSE accommodation

Apply for a John C Phelan scholarship

By 1 June

We will email you for these details to ensure our records are up to date. This is especially important if you require a visa to study with us

May/June

Provide a passport scan when prompted

Receive an email with your Confirmation of Acceptance for Studies number, which you will need for your visa application

Early July

You cannot apply for your visa earlier than three months before the start of the General Course. However, you can prepare documents such as financial evidence and checking your passport

You will receive your department allocation by email by the end of August. Your courses are not guaranteed at this point

By mid-July

Indicate your course preferences for department allocations

Register for courses online

Early September

For courses that are available and don't require permission, you can register in LSE for You which guarantees you a place on the course. Courses that require permission will be dealt with once you arrive at LSE

Move into university accommodation

Attend the GC welcome presentation, your department welcome event and other events around campus

Mid-September

Register at LSE

You are encouraged to speak with the Dean of the General Course within your first weeks at LSE

End of September

Teaching begins

You can change courses within the first two weeks of term. You can also audit lectures from other courses during this time